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**AMENDMENT**

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In response to the Official Action of March 2, 2000,  
kindly amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 3, line 23, delete "an" and insert --a-- therefor.

Page 3, line 25, delete "electrode" and insert --electrolyte--  
therefor.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Amend claims 1 and 3 as follows:

1. (Amended) A planar sensor element for determining at  
least one gas component, comprising:

a layer structure including:

a function layer;

a cover layer;

a heating element disposed between the function  
layer and the cover layer and generating a heating

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